

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. FARM ECONOMY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee continued hearings on the market and financial performance of the United States agricultural sector, receiving testimony from Tom Buis, National Farmers Union, and Mary Kay Thatcher, American Farm Bureau Federation, both of Washington, D.C.; George Swan, Rogerson, Idaho, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; Mark Birdsall, U.S. Durum Growers Association, Berthold, North Dakota, on behalf of the National Association of Wheat Growers; Ryland Utlaut, Grand Pass, Missouri, on behalf of the National Corn Growers Association; Dennis Everson, First Dakota National Bank, Yankton, South Dakota, on behalf of the American Bankers Association; Jim Caspary, First National Bank of Clifton, Clifton, Illinois, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America; and Daryll E. Ray, University of Tennessee Agricultural Policy Analysis Center, Knoxville.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Charles A. Blanchard, of Arizona, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, Carol DiBattiste, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, and four military nominations in the Army and Navy.

FRAUD AGAINST SENIORS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine fraud against seniors, focusing on health care, sweepstakes contests, and financial services, after receiving testimony from Susan Herman, National Center for Victims of Crime, Arlington, Virginia; Tim Barron, Delaware Office of the Attorney General, Wilmington; Lisa Nerenburg, Goldman Institute on Aging, San Francisco, California; Stephen J. Schneider, Oregon Department of Human Resources, Salem; Judy Hallman, Frederick Police Department, and Robert Matthews, both of Frederick, Maryland; Jane C. Schultz, Ridgefield, Connecticut; Jill Thomas, Bay Village, Ohio; John N. Hupalo, Alameda, California; and Deanna Antrim-Spencer, Silver Spring, Maryland.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT PROCESS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded oversight hearings to re-

view the National Park Service's performance management process under the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act, after receiving testimony from Denis P. Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee resumed markup of S. 1090, to reauthorize and amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980 (Superfund), but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

TAIWAN SECURITY ENHANCEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on S. 693, to assist in the enhancement of the security of Taiwan, after receiving testimony from Senator Baucus; Stanley O. Roth, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Kurt Campbell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs/Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Richard V. Allen, Allen and Company, David M. Lampton, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, Caspar W. Weinberger, Forbes, Inc., and R. James Woolsey, Shea and Gardner, all of Washington, D.C.

VIETNAM ECONOMIC REFORM AND TRADE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion and Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded joint hearings on economic reform and trade opportunities in Vietnam, after receiving testimony from Charlene Barshefsky, United States Trade Representative; Douglas B. Peterson, U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam; J. Michael Stinson, Conoco, Inc., Houston, Texas; Lionel C. Johnson, Citigroup, Inc., Washington, D.C.; and Thomas Vallely, Harvard Institute for International Development, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

FEDERAL FOOD SAFETY SYSTEM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine the current status of the nations food supply, focusing on overlap and duplication in the Federal Food Safety System, after receiving testimony from Catherine E. Woteki, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety; Jane E. Henney, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Lawrence J. Dyckman, Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Carol Tucker

Foreman, Consumer Federation of America, Caroline Smith DeWaal, Center for Science in the Public Interest, Rhona Applebaum, National Food Processors Association, and Stacey Zawel, Grocery Manufacturers of America, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.; and Nancy Donley, Safe Tables Our Priority, Chicago, Illinois.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of David W. Ogden, of Virginia, and Robert Raben, of Florida, each to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Ogden was introduced by Senator Warner, and Mr. Raben was introduced by Senator Graham and Representatives Hyde and Conyers.

DRUG PATENT TERM RESTORATION REVIEW PROCEDURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1172, to provide a patent term restoration review procedure for certain drug products, focusing on proposed remedies for relief, relating to pipeline drugs, after receiving testimony from former Senator Howard M. Metzenbaum, on behalf of the Consumer Federation of America; Peter Barton Hutt, Covington and Burling, and Bruce L. Downey, Barr Laboratories, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; Richard J. Kogan, Schering-Plough Corporation, Madison, New Jersey; Gerald F. Meyer, AAC Consulting Group, Inc., Potomac, Maryland; and Carole S. Goldfine Ben-Maimon, Teva Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Sellersville, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Generic Pharmaceutical Industry Association and the National Pharmaceutical Alliance.

ANNUAL REFUGEE ADMISSIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed annual refugee admissions and allocation for fiscal year 2000, after receiving testimony from Julia V. Taft, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State; Mary Kortenhoven, Christian Reformed Church, on behalf of the Church World Service, and Binta Bah, both of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Bishop Nicholas A. DiMarzio, Camden, New Jersey, on be-

half of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops; and Ralston H. Deffenbaugh, Jr., Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the InterAction Committee on Migration and Refugee Affairs.

COMMITTEE FUNDING RESOLUTIONS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded hearings after receiving testimony from Senators, as indicated, in support of resolutions requesting funds for operating expenses of their respective committees, as follows:

Committee on Small Business: (S. Res. 142), Senators Bond and Kerry; Select Committee on Intelligence: (S. Res. 139), Senators Shelby and Kerrey;

Committee on Foreign Relations: (S. Res. 148), Senators Helms and Biden;

Committee on Finance: (S. Res. 150), Senators Roth and Moynihan;

Committee on Armed Services: (S. Res. 143), Senators Warner and Levin; and

Special Committee on Aging: (S. Res. 155), Senators Grassley and Breaux.

INDIAN HEALTH CARE

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 299, to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health, and S. 406, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to make permanent the demonstration program that allows for direct billing of medicare, medicaid, and other third party payers, and to expand the eligibility under such program to other tribes and tribal organizations, after receiving testimony from Michel E. Lincoln, Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Gregory E. Pyle, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Durant; W. Ron Allen, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.; and Buford L. Rolin, National Indian Health Board, Denver, Colorado.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.